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Legislative Analysis

Community Empowerment and Economic Revitalization Committee

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Written analyses for the below listed items are attached for your consideration in this Legislative Analysis.

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If you require further analysis of these or any other agenda items, please contact Guillermo Cuadra, Esq., Chief Legislative Analyst, at (305) 375-5469.

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LEGISLATIVE ANALYSIS

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ELIGIBILITY OF NOT-FOR-PROFIT BUSINESSES UNDER THE COUNTYWIDE BUSINESS ROAD IMPACT ASSISTANCE LOAN PROGRAM

Commissioner Dennis C. Moss

I. SUMMARY

This Resolution seeks to expand the County's Road Impact Fee Assistance Loan Program to include "Not-for-Profit" entities.

II. PRESENT SITUATION

On February 21, 2001, the Board of County Commissioner approved a plan for the Countywide Road Impact Assistance Loan Program (the Program).

The Program was developed to provide relief to businesses adversely affected by County infrastructure improvement projects such as road paving, drainage, and water and sewer projects that have an effect on traffic flow and/or parking in the area of a business.

The Program provides loans not to exceed a five-year repayment period to affected small businesses, within the vicinity of roadway construction project limits, based on established criteria and qualifications.

Some of the current eligibility requirements are:

- Businesses impacted by a project taking longer than 60 days to complete.
- Businesses impacted by more than one (1) project within three (3) years.
- Project that fail to advance according to established schedule (delinquent project) also trigger loan eligibility.
- The BCC can also deem any project eligible for the Program.

In 2002, the BCC amended the Program to provide more flexibility in determining the "creditworthiness" of applicants for the loans. This helped enable more business to become eligible for the Program.

III. POLICY CHANGE AND IMPLICATION

This resolution would expand the Program to include Not-for-Profit organizations which may be adversely impacted by projects.

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IV. ECONOMIC IMPACT

Indeterminable.

The County can only estimate approximately how many businesses will apply for the loans based on historical numbers related to the number of projects going on in commercial areas at any given time.

Further, it would only be a guess based on the total number of "Not-for Profit" agencies and their relative ratio to the total number of business.

The cost of each loan comes out of the total project cost for that particular project.

V. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

What benchmarks would be used to determine how a "Not-for-Profit" is adversely affected and how much funding it would take to mitigate those affects?

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

<u>Item#</u>	Subject Matter	Comments/Questions
2(C)	Funding for Individual Development Accounts	 According to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Independent Development Accounts (IDA) are dedicated savings accounts that can only be used for purchasing a home, paying for education or job training expenses, or capitalizing a small business. IDAs are held at local financial institutions in the name of the individual participant. Contributions are made by individual participants over a pre-established time period and are matched using both private and public sources. CDBG and Assets for Independence Grant funds may be used as a required match for IDAs.